(b) whether this will discriminate against public ector units which produce similar products or require similar status?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. The plant of M|s. Reliance Industries at Patalganga in Maharashtra has been declared as refinery for obtaining raw naphtha at concessional rate of duty of Rs. 30 per kilo litre under Notification No. 75|84 dated 1.3.1984 for manufacture para-xylene. Refinery status had also been earlier granted to other similar units. The declaration of a petrochemical complex as a refinery aims at keeping down the incidence of Central Excise duty and avoiding cascading effect of taxation so that the price of final product is reasonable. Since duty over and above Rs. 30 per kilo litre on raw naphtha is exempted if used in the manufacture of paraxylene in a premises declared as refinery, there is no loss of revenue to the government.

(b) No Sir. Similar status has already been granted to public sector units producing same product.

Complaints received by the M.R.T.P. commission

3616. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the M.R.T.P. Commission entertains complaints from individual and public organisations;

(b) whether a complaint was received from Consumer Education and Research Society (CERS) recently regarding unfair trade practices committed by scooter companies; and

(c) if so, what are the names of the scooter comapnies and the action taken by M.R.T.P Commission against these companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) One such complaint was received from Consumer Education & Research Society (CERS) against M|s. Lohia Machines Limited, Kanpur. Director General (I&R) has since submitted a Preliminary Investigation Report which is under consideration of the MRTP Commission. The Commission is empowered to take further appropriate action in the matter as per the provisions of the MRTP Act relating to Unfair Trade Practices.

Committee to monitor prices of man made fabrics and Years

3617. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up a Committee to monitor the prices of man-made fabrics and yarns and ensure that due penefit of the duty relief reaches the consumer;

(b) if so, what is the composition of the Committee: and

(c) how the Committee will exercise control on sales and distribution of manmade fabrics and yarns?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The composition of the Committee is as follows—

1. Textile Commissioner, Bombay Convener

2. A representative of Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, Ministry of Industry

3. Commissioner (TRU), Department Revenue, Ministry of Finance.

4. President of the Association of Synthetic Fibre Industry or his representative.

5. A representative of the Association of Polyester Staple Fibre Manufacturers.